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Mr. B. Brooks Thomas
Vice President and General Counsel
Harper & Row, Publishers, Inc.
10 East 53rd Street
New York, New York 10022

Dear Mr. Thomas:

I am enclosing a copy of a paper called "World Opium Survey 1972," which you may have read about in the newspapers. This was put out by the Cabinet Committee on International Narcotics Control, and contributions were made by all agencies participating in the effort to control the illicit narcotics traffic.

I assure you I am not sending this as an attack on or answer to Mr. McCoy's book, but since you are publishing the book I felt a study of this nature would be of keen interest to you. Incidentally, I thought your advertisement for Mr. McCoy's book, which I saw in a recent copy of The New York Times, was a fair enough statement of our negotiations with you. Certainly, if anything that we did had a "chilling effect" as claimed by Nat Hentoff in the village Voice, it was not noticeable at this end.

Perhaps on one of my rare trips to New York we might have lunch and philosophize on the subject a bit.

Sincerely,

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Lawrence R. Houston
General Counsel

Enclosure

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